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PAT MORAN'S SYSTEM OF PERCENTAGE BASEBALL-RACE FOR PENNANT ABOUT OVER

PAT MORAN ANOTHER FRANK SELEE IN PLAYING PERCENTAGE BASEBALL

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Phillies' Leader, Starting Season With Hopes Only of First Division, Used Common Sense, Looking Ahead-Success Crowns His Efforts

You plaster on this Stallings guy the sobriquet of "miracle," and every one in hearing now will call your talk satirical. They'll giggle some and snicker some and laugh a bit and chuckle some, and say to you : "His magic, pal, has started in to buckle some." Last year sons comething else again, the world then took it serious; This year it's Patrick J. Moran o'er whom the world's delivious.

You say the Little Corporal is still a baseball wisard note-They'll tell you little John McGraw has lost his famous gizzard note; They'll show you his machine has slipped and broken cogs decisively; They'll quote him on the pennani race, and laugh at you derisively. ast year was something else again, McGraw and Mack are out of it; an's the hero of today, and what he's done they shout of it.

You take this lanky Connie Mack and pat him on the back a bit, The confirmation of the fans will somehow seem to lack a bit The noisy "Burel" of yesteryear, its joyous spontancity, For even in the grand old game they come to know satisfy. Last year was something else again, the Macks are in the cellar now, And Pas Moran, who leads the Phils, is everywhere the feller now.

The Phile have cheesed the genfalon for three-and-thirty seasons note, They have & almost in their grasp for twice as many reasons note; they hit and fielded well, because they kept a-battering. ng so-called "better teams," all opposition scattering; se they got the victories when Pat announced "We're needing them"; -and don't forget it, fan-P. J. Moran was leading them. . . .

The Spirit of Frank Selee Still Liven

even years, ago Frank Selee, who had won pennants so often in Boston at the fans get fired looking at the Lowe-Long-Duffy-McCarthy-Tucker-Nash-Ganzel combination, constructed a team in Chicago, that afterward was turned over to Frank Chance. This team was known as the "Peerless Cub" hine and it swept everything before it until the Mackmen crushed it in 1910. In 1906 this team won 116 games, the largest number ever captured by a major ague pennant winner. But it went down to defeat at the hands of the White a in the world's series. That victory of the White Sox was admittedly a fluke, and thereafter the Cubs reigned supreme until the Athletics beat them.

. . . A Manager Who Always Looked Ahead

es, who built that team, was the greatest percentage manager who ever ndled a major league team. He was always looking ahead, and played the rding to percentage at all times. Put Moran was at that time playing with Boston, and he had heard so much about the Seles percentage system that he became interested in it. After watching Selee's work Moran became convinced that the Cub leader had the proper system.

When he joined the Phillies as a player after being with the Cubs for years, Moran was always willing and anxious to talk about the percentage m of working the pitchers. He often declared that the pennant in 1913 aid have been won had this system been used when the team was in the lead and had Alexander, Seaton, Mayer, Rixey, Chalmers, Brennan and Moore for a pitching staff. That staff surpassed the present pitching corps of the Phillies. But the pennant was lost because the pitchers could not hold up eir end.

. . . Moran's Hope in the Spring Was to Finish in First Division

Shortly after Moran was appointed manager of the Phillies he told the EVENING LEDGER representative that while his team did not look great, he thought it had a chance to finish up in the race if his pitchers kept free from accident. At the time he explained just how he intended to play percentage with Alexander and Mayer, two twirlers who should win at least 60 per cent. of their games, with an even break of luck.

How the Philly Leader Figured on His Pitchers

Moran figured that two pitchers winning 50 per cent. of their games, it id only be necessary to have two more twirlers who could get an even break working regularly, and the Phillies would finish well over the .500 mark, which would enable the team to finish in the first division. This was the real aim of the Philly leader when he took the position.

When the season opened Moran realized that the Braves were not going to be so strong as was expected and that the Giants had gone to smash. on after getting a wonderful lead by winning the first nine games, Moran realized that he had a chance for the pennant if his pitching staff held up.

THEY SMILED ABOUT IT AFTER IT WAS ALL OVER



Miss F. C. Griscom, ex-national champion golfer, was picked as a probable winner of the Berthellyn cup in the golf tournament at Noble. One of the biggest upsets of the contest was her defeat by the brilliant play of Miss Eleanor Chandler. Miss Griscom is shown on the left and Miss Chandler on the right. the golf tournament at Noble. play of Miss Eleanor Chandler.

CONSIDER THE PHILLIES; THEY

SLIP NOT, NEITHER DO THEY CRACK

"What Chance Has Pat Moran's Aggregation With the

Red Sox in the World's Series?"-Expert View

of the Coming Classic in Baseball

BIG SIXS ELEVEN IN THEIR INITIAL FRAYS SATURDAY

Penn Meets West Virginia, Yale Plays Georgetown, Harvard vs. Colby

LINE - UP FOR QUAKERS

There are many uneasy coaches all over the East awaiting the outcome of the football games their teams are sched-uled to play tomorrow. Although four State teams played their first games last Saturday, five members of the "Big Six" and a host of minor colleges get their first tasts of real gridiron warfars to-

norrow. Of the "Big Six" the University of Pennsylvania plays West Virginia, Princeton plays Georgetown. Yale tackles Maine, Harvard lines up against Colby and Dartmouth starts with the Massa-chusetts Aggies. Cornell's opening has been delayed until Tuesday, when Gettys-burg will try out the Ithacans.

Locally, of course, chief interest will centre in Pennsylvania's opening game with West Virginia. The conches do not know how strong their own team is, and they know less about the strength of the Southerners. The fact is that the Qua-ker coaching staff is not so much con-cerned over how strong West Virginia will be as how the many new men in their own line-up will stand up against a strong opponent

It is almost certain that every mem r of the Pennsylvania backfield will ar the Red and Blue for the first time. There may be three veterans in the line, with two more men who last year played in the backfield, but who this year are occupying positions on the ferward line. At best there will be only five veterans in the first line-up and possibly only three. And even this number is likely to be reduced to one before the game is long under way.

The necessity of depending upon so many new men constitutes the real menace of the Pennsylvania team. Hev-eral of them are touted as wonders. Possibly they will develop well, but it is pretty hard to get good team work out a lot of green men, no matter how brilliant they are individually."

The Froblem of the Trump Card, Alexander Moran was always known as a great developer of pitchers. He knew hen his men were right and that is why the Phillies have been favored by markable twiring. He worked his pitchers better than any other leader but largely because he was with the varsity at Port Deposit most of the time. Grant, who has been doing a lot of scholas-Grant, who has been doing a lot of scholas-tic work to get off some conditions, is picked to beat Bell out before long. Mur-dock, who played quarterback part of last year, would probably start in this rosition but for a slight injury. Howard Berry has been selected for the ullback position. Here he will do the kicking and will probably be the mainstay in the attack. His work will be watched with the greatest interest to see whether with the greatest interest to see whether he plays as brilliantly in a scheduled game as he does against the scrubs. Will-iams will not be able to start at halfbuck iams will not be able to start at halfback on account of a slight injury and Dough-erty will probably take his place, with Foas or Weish the other halfback. The line promises to be Urguhart and Hopkins at ends, Harris and Matthews at tackles, Henning and Neill at guards and Wray at centre. At the beginning of the season the coaches were wortled sick over the line prospects, but the forwards have been developing better than the backs. WHAT MAY HAPPEN

By GRANTLAND RICE sider in this next world series outburst. "Considering the Phillies" To begin with, the Phillies have never won a world series before, inggely be-cause they have never had a chance even

"Considering the Failles "Consider the Phillies of the field"— As F. P. A. remarked astutely; They spoli not, neither do they sin— To break the news somewhat acutely; They never had a chance to win— They haven't a world's series show; In fact, they're like the poor old Braves, Who cracked so hard a year ago. to start one through 40 years of wandering across the Barren Lands,

Also, the Barren Lands. Also, the Red Sox have never lost a world's series. They have only been in two, but they beat the Pirates in 1906 and the Giants in 1913. No Boston club has ever lost a world series—a record that belongs to no other cluy. Giants, Ath-letics, Cubs, Tigers, Pirates, at one time or snother have all absorbed it in high-ly vulnerable spots. But Boston, up to 1915, has ben impregnable to any world series assault. Which is a hunch you may employ either way—that they are "Frank Moran hasn't a chance with Jim Coffey."-Exchange. Just as Pat Moran never had a chance with Stallings But at the finish Patrick was hardly among the "also morans," as you might, or might not, say. may employ either way-that they are due-or otherwise.

> In stating that the Red Six and Braves are the only clubs that never lost a world series we erred. Neither have the Reds or Yanks.

The White Sox also have a perfect world series record with one win out of one start.

He that chideth or blameth his caddle is a duffer at heart, though he playeth better than par nine starts out of ten Fut he that blameth only himself for each mistake has gathered form in one main variety that a Vardon might not SUPPASS.

Carrigan may be bothered a bit as to which slabman he will start the series with, but no similar worry now harasses the manly bosom of Pat Moran. For Pat knows well enough, even this far ahead, that it won't be Demaree, Chalmers, Rixey, McQuillan or Mayer.

"Boxing promoter plans to get Freddle Weish in ring for 30-round decision fight." -Exchange. Logical enough-unless in some way Freddle hears about it.

Travers and Onimet

"The big slump taken this season by Travers and Outmet," begins a golf writer, who is evidently entitled to an-other guess. Travers still happens to be open golf champion of America. The slump he has taken is a good bit like the terrific slump that has assailed the Red Sox, the Phillies, Ty Cobb and Alexander. pany

BALL CLUB IS GOOD ROAD CLUB IF IT THINKS SO, DECLARES "ALEX"

"Goat-Getting" and "Riding" Often Affect Nervous Players on Hostile Fields, but Mental Attitude Is Big Factor, According to Phil Star

By GROVER CLEVELAND ALEXANDER

(Greatest Basshall Pitcher in the World and the Mainstay of the Philadelphia National League Club in the 1915 Pennant Race.)

ARTICLE 15

ARTICLE 16 While the Fhillies were playing in Fitte-burgh, recently, a man came up to me and began to discuss the chances of our club in the final dash for the final dash for the final dash in the final dash for the final dash to induise in any pen-mut talk, but some to face them.

ALEXANDER Manager Moran has been anxious to keep pennant thoughts out of our mental works.

Pennant thoughts out of our maintain works. However, my Pittsburgh sequalntance made one statement that caused me to do some thinking. "Brooklyn is not a good road club," he said. "On the other hand, Boston may play capital ball sway from home, for the Braves are that type of men. I figure that the Phillies must beat Boston, and to accomplish that they must show class on the read." Without commenting on the possible truth of the above statement, I will say that it always has seemed mighty peculiar to me that some baseball aggregations are known as "good road clubs," while others are rather expected to lose more games than they win when they are trav-eling. I am not denying that such a condition does exist. condition does exist.

There are several reasons why a club might hit a slump on the road, I suppose. They do not get the advantage of mornmight hit a slump on the road, I suppose. They do not get the advantage of morn-ing practice, for one thing. They are rooting had for the home club, and that may have effect on men of a nervous and excitable temperament. They must make long and hard railroad jumps, and some men never feel rested after a night on a sleeping car. They must perform on foreign parks, and the change in the scenic conditions may disturb a batsman, while the infielder, outnelder and pitcher may be upset by some grounds which are not quits to his liking. All these are reasons which may cause individual players to play the game below their usual standard. But they do not explain why some teams are good on the road while others nearly always slump when they depart from their home lot. I believe it is largely a mental condi-tion. That is, I figure finat some teams are "poor road clubs." Others play about as well or, in rare cases, better when traveling, because they get an idea in their heads that it's a welcome change to get away from home and invade the parks of the other league aggregations. Bo-far as I am personally concerned, I

PHILADELPHIA BANKERS WIN GAME FROM CHESTER RIVALS

Trust Company Nine Gains Easy Victory-Dinner to Teams

In a one-sided game the Philadelphia Trust Company team defeated a team composed of the employes of the banks and trust companies of Chester, Pa., yes-

terday afternoon. After the game the Chester team entertained their rivals at dinner. The toast-master was Colonel J. A. G. Campbell, president of the Delaware County Trust, Safe Deposit and Title Insurance Com-

to induse in any part mant talk, but some times I am forced to listen to what my friends have to say about it. I say I am forced to listen, be-cause I really do not the so happens that I, like many other play-ers, am so constituted that the surround-ings work worry me. There are cities in our circuit that cause a nervous player to let up to ha ints do not worry me. There are cities in our circuit that cause a nervous player to let up in his work. (I probably should have said the crowds in the cities were responsible.) Some of the fans like to become personal and "ride" a player who shows the slight est indication of losing his nerve.

and "Hoe" a player who shows the alighter ent indication of losing his nerve.
There are big leaguers who canned stand any allusion to their personal apportances or characteristics. Somatines a player with hair of a color not unlike mine-and mine isn't black, brown, blende or gray-wants to first when a load mouthed fan yells. "Hay, Reddy, your head's sfire." Then others are not quite as handleone as a mathree idol, and they "loss their goat" when a cutting remark is directed at them which deals with certain facial oddities.
Don't get the idea that the fans miss me when they start their verbal was. I'm not an Adonis by a long shot. Buy a drug to "kid back."
To the long run the basebail fan is a good sportsman, and he'll applaud a goed play by an opposing player as quickly as he will a sensational stunt by one of the home-iot favorites. Therefore, if a player can everlook the "goatsfort," tactics that are almost certain to he attempted by the spectators at a park "on the road". He'll applate a park "on the road" he'll play his usual same of ball and get his share of the applet has hand to... applause, too.

A large crowd, whether at home or abroad, is an inspiration to the veteran ball player. A recruit may allo up when he is working before 20,000 fans, but the old fellow likes to do his best then, be-cause he knows that it will be appreci-ated and talked about by a great num-ber of persons. The Phillies have been helped a whole lot this season by the good crowds that came out to see them play at home. But, as I said before, I am sure that there is nothing more than a mental con-

there is nothing more than a mental con-dition which makes a ball club lose consistently when traveling. If the individ-uals kept their minds strictly on the game and forgot what park they were playing in there would be no such thing as a good bad or indifferent road club.

On the other hand, I must admit that On the other hand, I must admit that traveling in the West in midsummer (even in September this year) is likely to upset a man physically and mentally. Those of you who have been in St. Louis, Chi-cago and Cincinnati when the thermom-eter was above 100 degrees, will know what I mean. But even then if a player takes good care of himself and conserves all his strength for the two or three hourse all his strength for the two or three hours all his strength for the two or three hours no must spend in the sun at the ball park, he will be able to play ball just as well as the men who mist live in these western cities while their clubs are at home. My only hope just now is that we will prove a much better read club than some measure think we are

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du When a bloke by the name of Pat Moran Hooks up with a guy named Carrigant

How Are You Picking 'Em?

and McGraw.

It might be admitted off hand, via the eternal dope, that the Phillies haven't a chance with the Red Sox. It might ce admitted that they haven't a chance to beat a ball club that beat the Tigers 14 out of 22 games.

But then the Phillies never had a chance to win the pennant. And the Braves never had a chance to beat the Mackmen inst fail. And Willard never had a chance to best Johnson. And Standish never had a chance to beat Guimet. And Johnson never had an outside chance to beat Behr, Williams and McLoughlin in a row.

The "Never-Had-a-Chance" Club The "never-had-a-chance" entries an the ones who have done the bulk of the damage this season. Also last season. There seems to be a well-defined ad-vantage in being picked to lose. These are the folk who have amassed the bulk

The Passing of Erin So the Irish are drifting from out of the frame-Losing their grip on the grand old game; So the Irish haven't the old-time stuff

game has known in years and really outclassed Selee, the originator of percentage system. Alexander has been sent to the mound as often as ble and yet has not been overworked.

Whenever the weather interfered for a day or two Moran immediately Alexander back to the mound if it so happened that he had pitched the day before the rain. In this way Moran continually side-tracked other pitchers to get the full benefit of Alexander's wonderful ability. Other pitchers have en worked accordingly.

. . . Where the Pitchers' Work Counted Most

One might be successful against a certain team and unable to stop aner. Instead of sending pitchers into the game against teams which had beaten him, Moran switched his pitchers and sent the man in who wn best against that particular team.

Other managers follow the old cut-and-dried policy of getting four pitchers king well and using them in regular turn, regardless of results. Moran got away from that method and figured on the percentage, with the result that erable games have been won that otherwise would have been lost. . . .

Percentage Play Has Been Vindicated

scontage system was used in other departments of the game. Great are taken on certain fielding defenses and on offensive plays. Somethe plays failed to work, and it looked like poor managerial work, but when nove turned out right the result was startling. And Moran never used a of any sort that he did not have carefully mapped out, with the percentage as or failure carefully figured.

Moran Set Out to Build a Smoothly Running Machine

ation is the keynote to success on the ball field. The best team in and can't win if it is hooked up wrong. I know certain things have been and in the past that are detrimental to a ball team, and I will put the s on those things. I want to have a team of hustlers, and will, if I have a new team. That brotherly spirit must prevail. I have some good tchers, and may get more in trades, and if I can get the percentage I might of some of the other fellows." This was the tone of a letter written by Moran the Evenue Lances from his home in Fitchburg, Mass, a few days after his atment by President Baker. . . .

Day of the Individual Star Past

Moran mapped out his plans far in advance. He made his trades accordingly, was always figuring on combination. Some of the players allowed to go where were unquestionably brilliant individual stars, but Moran knew they ild not fit into his new scheme, and he took players for them who were apparinferior. The first thing done was to instil his own "never-say-die" spirit into the players, and then he saw to it that they were paired off so that the ast harmony could be obtained. It was only a short time before the team discards and mights was one happy family.

Moran's Podcy Proves Its Worth

The rest is past history now, and, regardless of the result of the world's rice. Pat Moran has shown keen insight and a rare common sense. Moran added and learned a system from the second greatest manager the game has luced, and had enough confidence in it to stake his position and reputation off. He is surely deserving of all the success that has come, and will come, to

No one knows the strength of West Virginia, whose team is a new opponent. It is coached by Sol Metager, captain and end on the 190 team and head coach here in 1908. Metager is reported to have built up a good team and one stronger than the Quakers usually have for the opening same.

game game. Of all the other big Eastern teams a lot of attention will be focused on is Princeton, where a new man, "Speedy" John Rush, is trying to put the Tigers on a winning basis. Princeton meets Georgetown and if the two teams are the average in attenuith the Tigers ought to

Georgetown and if the two teams are the average in strength the Tigers ought to win without difficulty. The fact that Runh was not a football player himself when at Princeton and that this is his first year as a college coach has aroused a great deal of specu-istion as to the success of his methods. Yale has a big bunch of veterans with which to tackte Maine. Two years ago Maine held Yale to a 8-0 score in the early part of the season, but last year the Elis won easily by a score of 30-0. Yale ought to win tomorrow without much difficulty. Coach Frank Hinkoy has been working with a big squad of men for three weeks at Madison. Conn., so that the team should be preity well advanced by this time. As for Harvard, the Colby team does not look threatening of the team does

As for Harvard, the Colby team does not look threatening even with the Crim-son team lackflig half of last year's vet-erans. Harvard, like Tale, has had three weeks of preliminary practice, and any-thing that Colby does will not be on ac-count of lack of condition by Harvard. Of all the big teams, Dartmouth has had the advantage of the most prelimin-ary preparation, for the Hanover men began work on September 1. They do not look for any trouble with the Massachu-Siz Races Daily-Including & Steeplechase, Special Trajus: Feam. B. E. Seave Broad at 1115 p. un. West Phila, 12:55 p. m.-B. & O. Isave Sath & Chastrons Sta, 12:45 p. m. ook for any troubis with the Massachu-

How many experts believed at this dat last season the Braves could win two games out of six from the Mackmen-much less four out of four? Not one in 77. To say that any first class entry "hasn't got a chance" is more than mak-ing a sweeping statement. It has an ing a sweeping statement. It has an intimate liking to the art of articulating through one's hat. For it is always well to remember that the Phillies already have done a big lot more than any thought they could do. And just at pres-ent this seems to be a bull market for the one low stokes

the once low stocks. Hunches and Such

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FEDERAL LEAGUE.

Latzo Defeats Al Dewey

HAMLETON, Pa., Sant. M.-Stave Latzo la-night sarned the middleweight championable 'Lusserse County when he defeated Al Dewe the second round of what was to be desund hour. Latzo foored Dewey in hel be rounds, when the latter guit cold, Teignin wrenched ankis.

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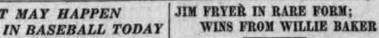
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The fact that Travers falled to win the amateur after landing the open is hardy to be ranked as any slump, in view of the fact that no golfer has ever turned this double trick in America and only two have ever done so in England.

It is something like saying a fellow has gone broke because he has only saved five million out of the wreck.

Red Sox and Phillies can still lose the pennant-by departing day after tomor-row for Riga to assist the Russians in keeping their front south of the North Pole.



Jimmy Fryer never fought or boxed better than he did last night at the Broad-way A. C., when he defeated Willle Baker, the new middleweight fash. Barely are fistio enthusiasts treated to a better ex-hibition of high-class boxing and no two fats evend as to the winner. In the second and last rounds Fryer tried to slug with his husky opponent and as a result received the worst of the go-ing. In the other sessions Baker was un-able to land cleanly, due to the speed and shifting of Free About one out of every shifting of Fryer. About one out of every five blows he would lead would glance off Fryer's shoulders and arms or miss by inches.

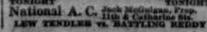
Darby Caspar delivered the sleeping kick to the jaw of Tommy Cranston in two rounds in the semi-windup.



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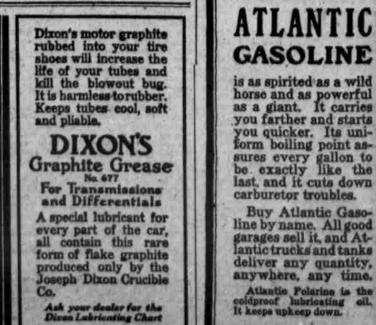


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Joe Mandot Defeats Dundee

Joe Mandot Defeats Dundee NEW YORK, Sept 24.-In the main go of io rounds at Ebbetts Field, Joe Mandot, of New Orleans, had the better of Johnny Dun-dee, while in a provious go over a similar distance. Francisco. The Dundes-Mandot bout was a pretty lively siftair, in which the Louisdana lightweight extrode the verific by a shade on his superior cleverness. The scrap between Calishan and the coast Pertuguises was a poor apology for a boxing match. It was clinch, clinch, all the time, with mighty few clean hiows struck. Such as it was the set-to showed an adventage for Calishan.

Dankelman Outplays Maupor The Interstate Three-Cushion Billiard Lesgue made its start for the season in this city isst night at the Regent Billiard Academy, 1900 Market street, when John Dankelman, representing this city, defeated Pierre Man-pome, of St. Louis, by the score of 60 to 45



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